

# Overview of Nebraska Land Information System Program Act

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**Purpose:** Provide support for local government efforts to modernize how land records are maintained and accessed at the local government level and to enable statewide aggregation and integration of this critical public information. To provide local governments with additional dedicated revenues to support land record modernization efforts at an estimated \$3 million/year (\$2 million distributed by formula, \$1 million in grants). Provide statewide minimal data standards, technical assistance, data integration, and program administration. Encourage regional collaboration on local government land record modernization efforts to gain efficiencies, and access and retain technical expertise for rural areas. Legislative proposal jointly developed by a local – state working group and based on a year-long Nebraska Land Record Modernization Study ([http://www.calmit.unl.edu/gis/LRM\\_Index-Page.htm](http://www.calmit.unl.edu/gis/LRM_Index-Page.htm)).

- A. Proposed Revenue to Support Program.** The legislative initiative for a Nebraska Land Information Systems Program (NLISP) includes both program revenue generating approaches outlined in Land Record Modernization Study report:
  - 1. Documentary stamp tax - \$.50/\$1,000 increase, would generate ~ \$2 Million
  - 2. Recording fees - \$5 increase would generate ~ \$2 Million
- B. Proposed Allocation of New Funding.** Three types of funds would be used in implementing a statewide land information system:
  - 1. Funds designated for local and/or regional program implement and distributed to local or regional implementers by a predefined formula or criteria (*50% of enhanced revenue*);
  - 2. Funds designated for local and/or regional program implementation, but allocated and distributed by a state coordinating body, via grants-in-aid, relative to statewide program priorities (*25% of enhanced revenue*); and
  - 3. Funds designed for state-level program implementation and/or administration (*25% of enhanced revenue*).
- C. Predefined Distribution Formula.** A designated level of funding would be guaranteed to local government program implementers (or regional implementers) for the purpose of implementing the Nebraska Land Information Systems Program, with distribution based on an established formula.
- D. Funding Requirements.** Funding availability contingent on:
  - 1. Following a minimum set of program standards and guidelines to meet minimum data needs and to enable statewide data integration.
  - 2. Regionalization – a county must join with at least two other counties to make up a region eligible for program funds, unless that county can met minimum population criteria (50,000).
  - 3. Coordination between county/municipality in planned use of funding, with a defined coordinating entity and designated point of contact.

- E. Regionalization Encouraged.** Regionalization of program implementation encouraged. One-time \$5,000/county planning grants available to help facilitate the development of regional land information system entities and plans through inter-local agreements or other arrangements.
- F. Overall Program Policy Coordination.** The Nebraska Chief Information Officer, coupled with the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee and the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC), to be the policy lead for Nebraska Land Information Systems Program.
- G. Technical Assistance.** A minimum level of technical assistance will be made available from state to facilitate systems integration, and the efficient utilization of program resources.
- H. Decentralized, But Integrated System.** The Nebraska Land Information Systems Program is statewide in scope, but based on state/local partnership to develop and maintain a decentralized, but integrated system.
- I. Implementation / Administration of the NLIS Program**
  - 1. Program implementation primarily at the local government/regional level.
  - 2. Overall policy direction and program administration in the office of the state's Chief Information Officer (CIO), working with the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee, utilizing contracts, MOUs, and grants with/to other state agencies, local or regional entities, or private vendors.
  - 3. Staffing: 1 FTE, Program manager

### **Formula for Fund Distribution**

All counties to join at least two other counties (unless population 50,000 or over) in a self-selected/defined region for program implementation prior to receiving any program funding. By definition, a region must include at least three counties and a total population of at least 30,000. Discretionary grant funds (25% of enhanced revenue) will be allocated by the Nebraska Office of Chief Information Officer, working with the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee, based on overall statewide program priorities and objectives. Local or regional funds (50% of enhanced revenue) will be allocated to individual counties in a given region based on a predefined distribution formula. The distribution formula is composed of four (4) factors and associated weightings.

- 1. Number of taxable parcels- A county's percentage of Nebraska's taxable parcels, multiplied by 20 percent of the regional fund total.
- 2. Contribution to the fund- The sum of the county's past years contributions into the fund, multiplied by 50 percent of the total regional fund.
- 3. Square Miles- A county's percentage of Nebraska's area (in sq miles), multiplied by 10 percent of the regional fund total.
- 4. Equal portion of the fund- 20 percent of the regional fund divided equally amongst the 93 Nebraska Counties.

**Rough Estimate of the Additional Annual Revenues That Would Be Available for Distribution to  
Local Governments, or their Regional Entities, under the Predefined Distribution Formula  
Proposed in the Nebraska Land Information System Program Act, LB1169**

*\* an estimated additional \$1 million would also be available statewide via targeted one-time grants*

Co. No.	County	Rough Estimate of Additional Annual Revenue Based on LB1169 Distribution Formula
1	Adams	\$31,000
2	Antelope	\$15,000
3	Arthur	\$9,000
4	Banner	\$10,000
5	Blaine	\$9,000
6	Boone	\$14,000
7	Box Butte	\$16,000
8	Boyd	\$10,000
9	Brown	\$14,000
10	Buffalo	\$47,000
11	Burt	\$16,000
12	Butler	\$16,000
13	Cass	\$37,000
14	Cedar	\$16,000
15	Chase	\$13,000
16	Cherry	\$38,000
17	Cheyenne	\$20,000
18	Clay	\$15,000
19	Colfax	\$15,000
20	Cuming	\$16,000
21	Custer	\$27,000
22	Dakota	\$21,000
23	Dawes	\$18,000
24	Dawson	\$27,000
25	Deuel	\$9,000
26	Dixon	\$13,000
27	Dodge	\$38,000
28	Douglas	\$480,000
29	Dundy	\$12,000
30	Fillmore	\$15,000
31	Franklin	\$12,000

Co. No.	County	Rough Estimate of Additional Annual Revenue Based on LB1169 Distribution Formula
32	Frontier	\$13,000
33	Furnas	\$13,000
34	Gage	\$28,000
35	Garden	\$15,000
36	Garfield	\$10,000
37	Gosper	\$10,000
38	Grant	\$9,000
39	Greeley	\$10,000
40	Hall	\$52,000
41	Hamilton	\$17,000
42	Harlan	\$12,000
43	Hayes	\$10,000
44	Hitchcock	\$12,000
45	Holt	\$26,000
46	Hooker	\$9,000
47	Howard	\$14,000
48	Jefferson	\$15,000
49	Johnson	\$11,000
50	Kearney	\$14,000
51	Keith	\$20,000
52	Keya Paha	\$10,000
53	Kimball	\$13,000
54	Knox	\$19,000
55	Lancaster	\$257,000
56	Lincoln	\$47,000
57	Logan	\$9,000
58	Loup	\$9,000
59	Madison	\$35,000
60	McPherson	\$10,000
61	Merrick	\$16,000
62	Morrill	\$16,000

Co. No.	County	Rough Estimate of Additional Annual Revenue Based on LB1169 Distribution Formula
63	Nance	\$11,000
64	Nemaha	\$14,000
65	Nuckolls	\$12,000
66	Otoe	\$22,000
67	Pawnee	\$10,000
68	Perkins	\$13,000
69	Phelps	\$17,000
70	Pierce	\$13,000
71	Platte	\$34,000
72	Polk	\$13,000
73	Red Willow	\$18,000
74	Richardson	\$16,000
75	Rock	\$12,000
76	Saline	\$18,000
77	Sarpy	\$151,000
78	Saunders	\$29,000
79	Scotts Bluff	\$40,000
80	Seward	\$22,000
81	Sheridan	\$20,000
82	Sherman	\$11,000
83	Sioux	\$16,000
84	Stanton	\$13,000
85	Thayer	\$14,000
86	Thomas	\$9,000
87	Thurston	\$10,000
88	Valley	\$12,000
89	Washington	\$27,000
90	Wayne	\$14,000
91	Webster	\$13,000
92	Wheeler	\$9,000
93	York	\$20,000